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SUBJECT: ECONCOM X, INITIAL PREPARATIONS

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO RAISE INFORMALLY WITH FOREIGN
MINISTRY OFFICIALS AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL QUESTIONS OF INITIAL
PLANNING FOR ECONCOM X. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IS FOR EMBASSY'S
USE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS.

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2. WE PROPOSE TO INVITE JAPANESE TO WASHINGTON FOR ECONCOM

X MEETING IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AFTER ANNUAL IMF MEETINGS SCHEDULED SEPT. 1-4 IF CONVENIENT FOR JAPANESE SIDE. TO FACILITATE PREPARATIONS WE WOULD HOPE THAT TENTATIVE DATES MIGHT BE AGREED UPON BY END OF APRIL OR MAY, ALTHOUGH FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATES SHOULD OF COURSE BE POSTPONED. WE HAVE INFORMALLY CLEARED THIS GENERAL TIME SPAN WITH THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE, BUT HAVE NOT YET FORMALLY REQUESTED HIS PARTICIPATION.

3. WE EXPECT PARTICIPANTS ON EACH SIDE WILL BE THOSE DEFINED IN EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON ECONCOM PLUS THOSE WHO HAVE CUSTOMARILY ATTENDED IN THE PAST. SENIOR ADVISORS AND OTHER STAFF WOULD ALSO FOLLOW ESTABLISHED PATTERN.

4. WE HOPE THAT JAPANESE DELEGATION CAN PLAN TO SPEND AT LEAST ONE FULL DAY IN ADVANCE OF ECONCOM AT WILLIAMSBURG

OR SOME OTHER SITE FOR GENERAL ORIENTATION AND REST. ALTHOUGH ECONCOM IX DID NOT INCLUDE SUCH ACTIVITIES, WE BELIEVE THAT THEY CONTRIBUTE IMPORTANTLY TO OVERALL SUCCESS OF MEETINGS AND SHOULD BE PROVIDED BEFORE FIRST PLENARY SESSION. A SITE CLOSE TO BUT NOT IN WASHINGTON WOULD PROBABLY BE BEST.

5. WE WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO EXCHANGE WITH THE JAPANESE THEIR IDEAS ON THE AGENDA FOR ECONCOM X. IN THE PAST THE ECONCOM AGENDA HAS FOLLOWED A TRADITIONAL FORMAT WHICH, ALTHOUGH FLEXIBLE, HAS TENDED TO MAKE PROCEEDINGS RATHER FORMAL. WE BELIEVE THAT AGENDA TOPICS MIGHT INCLUDE (A) THE OVERALL ECONOMIC AND TRADE OUTLOOK FOR THE US AND JAPAN AT MID-YEAR AND PROSPECTS FOR ATTAINMENT OF RESPECTIVE, SHORT AND MEDIUM MACROECONOMIC GOALS AND POLICIES PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO GROWTH AND INFLATION. (B) ENERGY, OIL AND RELATED FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION, BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL, ON PROMOTING SOLUTIONS. (C) EXAMINATION OF GLOBAL OUTLOOK FOR FOOD PRICES AND SUPPLIES.

6. WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE MORE EMPHASIS DURING ECONCOM X TO COUNTERPART AND OTHER SMALL MEETINGS WHICH HAVE PROVEN CONFIDENTIAL

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SO USEFUL IN THE PAST. FOR THAT PURPOSE WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO RAISE WITH THE JAPANESE THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING A MORNING PLENARY SESSION ON THE FIRST DAY FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AND COUNTERPART MEETINGS. THEREAFTER A SOCIAL EVENING AND ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS THE FOLLOWING MORNING MIGHT BE CONSIDERED. LATE IN THE MORNING OR EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON OF THE SECOND DAY WE COULD HOLD A THIRTY MINUTE PLENARY SESSION WHICH WOULD APPROVE A BRIEF COMMUNIQUE

AND CONCLUDE THE MEETING. SINCE THE PLENARY TIME WILL BE MUCH SHORTER THAN IN THE PAST THE TWO SIDES MIGHT EXCHANGE BRIEF PAPERS ON EACH BROAD AGENDA TOPIC SEVERAL DAYS AHEAD TO FACILITATE DISCUSSION.

7. IN ADDITION TO YOUR REPORT ON JAPANESE REACTION TO THESE SUGGESTIONS WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR OWN EVALUATION.

8. FYI. WE RECOGNIZE TIMING PROBLEM WHICH MAY ARISE FOR JAPANESE IN VIEW OF IMPERIAL VISIT, POSSIBLE VISITS BY MIYAZAWA AND MIKI, AND UNCERTAIN TIMING OF ELECTIONS. WE DO NOT WISH, HOWEVER, TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT USG IS SOLICITING POSTPONEMENT OF ECONCOM UNTIL 1976. AT THE SAME TIME WE DO NOT WISH TO PRESS JAPANESE INTO AGREEING TO A 1975 MEETING THEY DO NOT WANT. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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